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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Premiere of the Documentary Film “Believe in Yourself”**

The USAID Hope Fellowships Program is hosting the premiere of “Believe in Yourself” at the Youth Cultural Center Cinema in Skopje. “Believe in Yourself” is a documentary film produced by a group of young participants in a leadership training cycle organized and supported by the Hope Fellowships program.

The main goal of the film is to motivate young people to make the right choices when deciding on their future careers. Six stories of successful individuals are told, including their personal struggles, choices and recommendations to youth facing a difficult decision period. Throughout these stories, several key factors that influence one's decisions are discussed: family, the environment, the educational system, and all the opportunities Macedonia can offer to future generations.

The film delivers the message “Always believe in yourself, and never stop learning and exploring new opportunities. Mistakes and disappointments will happen, but they are all part of life's learning process.”

The USAID Hope Fellowships Program, which will come to a close on September 30<sup>th</sup>, was administered by the National Albanian American Council (NAAC). Through the three years of this program, the NAAC worked to strengthen institutional partnerships with civil society and in-country human capital, to increase inter-ethnic cooperation, and to promote regional stability and cross-border cooperation. The program was implemented in Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro.

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.